

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents

2022 annual session

Draft country programme document commenting period:

22 March to 11 April (Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania)

24 March to 13 April (Syrian Arab Republic)

Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on the draft country programme document being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: *Australia*

Draft country programme document: *Syria*

In accordance with Executive Board decision [2014/1](#), draft country programme documents are considered and approved in one session, on a no-objection basis. All comments received by the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board before the deadline stated above will be posted on the Executive Board website, and considered by the requesting country, in close consultation with UNICEF.

| | Delegation's comments | Response(s) |
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| General comments | Australia remains deeply concerned about the situation in Syria and the impact that a decade of conflict has had on the Syrian people. We consider the context analysis does not fully reflect the extent of the crisis, how it has unfolded or acknowledge the Syrian regime's part in contributing to this dire humanitarian emergency. The context analysis would benefit from presenting the conflict and current situation in a way that is consistent with UN Security Council and General Assembly resolutions. It should reinforce the need for a comprehensive peace process in line with UNSC resolution 2245 to provide an enabling environment for addressing the continuing challenges faced by the Syrian population. | |

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| | <p>Australia welcomes UNICEF commitments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • joint programming with UNFPA and UNDP; • humanitarian principles in the selection of populations and geographic areas to receive assistance; and • disability inclusion and the collection of disability disaggregated data. | |
| <p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</p> | <p>Given the prevalence of disabilities in Syria, including those resulting from physical, mental and emotional traumas, we would welcome greater ambition on the target for school enrolment of children with disabilities and for disability inclusion in education.</p> | |